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SUBJECT: ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL

1. FULL DRESS ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL INCLUDES CHIEFS OF STAFF AND MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL ARAB LEAGUE MEMBER STATES. ACCORDING TO CAIRO PRESS JULY 2, HOWEVER, ATTENDANCE AT EMERGENCY SESSION EVENING JULY 3 WILL BE THINNER THAN USUAL. AMONG THOSE WHICH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS STATE WILL NOT BE ATTENDANCE ARE THE DEFENSE MINISTERS OF SAUDI ARABI, KUWAIT, SUDAN, TUNISIA, BAHRAIN, AND MOROCCO. ALGERIA, LIBYA AND YAR THE PRESS NOTES, HAVE NO DEFENSEMINISTERS IN THEIR CABINETS. (COMMENT: WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT QADDHAFI STILL DOES HOLD GOL DEFENSE PORTFOLIO.)

2. KUWAITI FM SABAH AL-AHMAD WILL CHAIR MEETING AND MAKE OPENING ADDRESS AFTER SECGEN'S INITIAL REMARKS. LEBANESE DEL, HEADED BY PM SULH, WILL INCLUDE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS AND CHIEF OF STAFF. IN ABSENCE OF FM FAHMY, MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAMIH ANWAR WILL LEAD GOE DEL. GUMHURIYYA JULY 3 REPORTS ZUHAYR MUHSIN WILL CHAIR PLO DELEGATION.

3. PRESS REPORTS AGENDA WILL CONSIST ONLY OF DISCUSSION LEBANESE SITUATION. AKHBAR JULY 2, CITING PARIS RADIO BROADCAST, SAYS THE PIO DELEGATION WILL SUMIT FOUR "DEMANDS":

A. MILITARY EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PROTECTION OF SOUTH LEBANON AND PALESTINIAN CAMPS.

B. OIL WEAPON SHOULD BE REIMPOSED IF ISRAELI AGGRESSION IS REPEATED;

C. NECESSARY FUNDS, ESTIMATED AT 40 MILLION LEBANESE POUNDS, SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO REINFORCE THE "POSITION" OF THE PALESTINIAN CAMPS; AND

D. EGYPT AND SYRIA SHOULD NOT HQU MIT THEMSELVES"

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AGGRESSION ON LEBANON IS REPEATED.

4. GUMHURIYYA JULY 3 REPORTS INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN ARAB LEAGUE CENTERING ON WISDOM OF SUPPLYING ARAB FORCES TO LEBANON IN VIEW LEBANESE INTERNAL SITUATION, FEASIBILITY OF STATIONING UN FORCES ON BORDER IN VIEW LEBANESE POSITION THAT THIS WOULD INFRINGE UPON LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY, AND THE POSSIBILITY

OF PROVIDING MONEY TO LEBANON FOR ARMS PURCHASES.  
THE PAPER ADDS THAT A JOINT ARAB MILITARY PLAN,  
APPROVED BY LEBANON, WILL BE DRAFTED TO FACE ANY  
FURTHER ISRAELI AGGRESSION. COS RMASY, WHO ALSO  
SENIOR ARAB LEAGUE MILITARY ADVISOR, HAS  
PARTICIPATED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

5. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL JULY 3 SUGGESTS IN VIEW  
PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF "LEBANESE POLITICS"  
THAT LEBANON SHOULD RELY UPON HERSELF, SINCE  
INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES HAVE PROVEN INEFFECTIVE.  
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